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Repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2003

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CANTOR, and Ms. BERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive.

Whereas the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, has become notorious over the years for his overt anti-Semitism and opposition to the State of Israel;

Whereas Dr. Mahathir opened the 57-nation, October 2003 summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Malaysia by characterizing Israel and Jews around the world as “the enemy” who “rule the world by proxy”;

Whereas incendiary rhetoric of this nature can be neither excused nor rationalized;

Whereas Dr. Mahathir's anti-Semitic remarks are despicable and could serve to incite further sectarian violence;

Whereas, among the 57 national representatives in attendance, none raised their voice in protest and many applauded Dr. Mahathir's statements; and

Whereas President George W. Bush traveled to Thailand to attend the October 20–21, 2003, meeting in Bangkok of the leaders of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and rebuked Dr. Mahathir for his “wrong and divisive” remarks: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) thoroughly repudiates the damaging rhetoric of the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, Dr.
3 Mahathir Mohamad, which embodies age-old stereotypes of Jewish global domination and grotesque
4 anti-Semitism on an international scale;

5 (2) reaffirms the rebuke made by President
6 George W. Bush of Dr. Mahathir and his injurious
7 sentiments on October 20, 2003, stating that the remarks “stand squarely against what I believe”;

8 (3) calls upon other governments and international bodies, notably the European Union, to condemn these remarks as dangerous incitement; and

9 (4) deplores the tacit acquiescence of those national representatives in attendance at the October

- 1 2003 Organization of the Islamic Conference as will-
- 2 ing complicity in spreading a message of hate and
- 3 incitement against Jews.

